

REMARKS

In item 2 on pages 2-3 of the outstanding Office Action, claims 15, 18 and 20-23 are rejected. Claims 15, 18 and 20-23 are cancelled herein, without prejudice or disclaimer. Therefore, claims 1-14, 16, 17 and 19 are currently pending in this application. In item 3 on page 3 of the current Office Action, claims 1-14, 16, 17 and 19, which correspond to the remaining pending claims in this application, are allowed.

Therefore, there being no further outstanding objections or rejections, it is submitted that the application is in condition for allowance. An early action to that effect is courteously solicited.

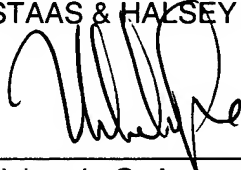
If there are any formal matters remaining after this response, the Examiner is requested to telephone the undersigned to attend to these matters.

If there are any additional fees associated with filing of this Amendment, please charge the same to our Deposit Account No. 19-3935.

Respectfully submitted,

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